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**AMENDMENT WITH RCE RESPONSIVE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
DATED JULY 18, 2007**

Dear Commissioner:

This paper is being submitted together with a Request for Continued Examination and associated fee in reply to the Final Office Action, mailed July 18, 2007, for which the date for response is October 18, 2007. The Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to, in conjunction with the RCE, reopen prosecution on the merits and enter the following amendments in consideration of the following remarks.

The Applicants' **Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

The Applicants' **Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.